

# BLAINESWORLD

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### 1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get it via email. Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: [bjainbc@aol.com](mailto:bjainbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a joyous celebration at the home of Brian and Carole Biro where were joined by several other members of our extended family. To see other pictures, please click: [Here](#)



(2) We also had a tasty meal at Fatz in Asheville and excellent service from Stephanie.

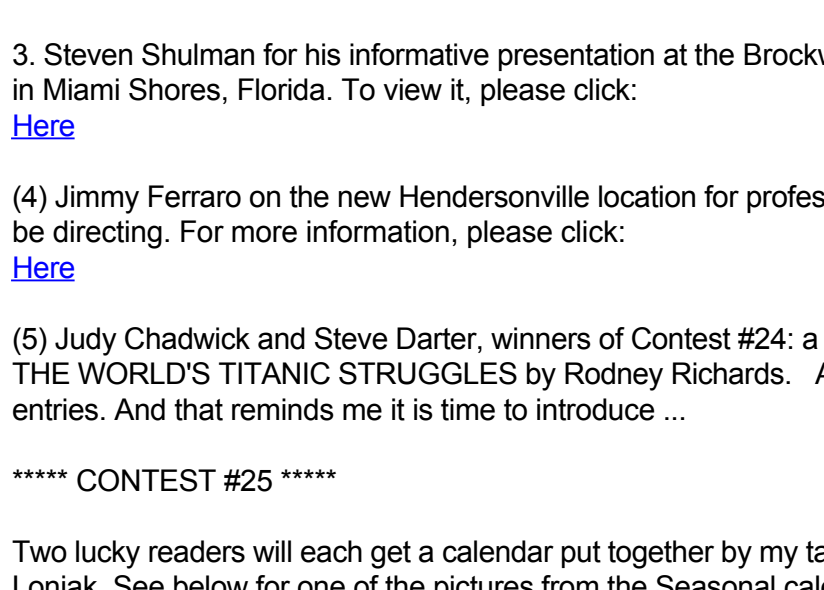


B. There are so many cute pets in Asheville. Cynthia recently found one when we were walking in North Asheville. She reluctantly had to give it back to the owner.

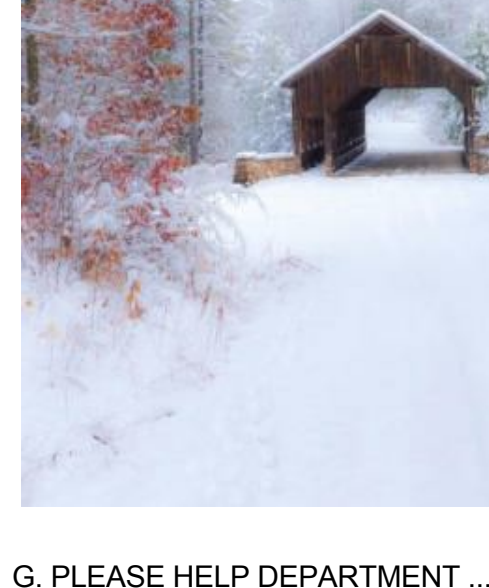


C. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018. ... You'll hear Blake Ellege (left), Professional Entertainer with BAE Entertainment, and Brad Owen, Special Events Director, with ABCCM (right). ... To listen to the broadcast, please click: [Here](#)

To watch it on Facebook Live, please click: [Here](#)



D. Thanks, Makay Rowenhorst, for your always terrific service when I go with my fellow members of the Breakfast Club to Rise 'Shine Cafe. We got a special kick the other day when Ben, the cook added a smiley face to my breakfast order of yogurt with granola and fruit.



E. Condolences to James Wade and family on the passing of Eddie Wade, James' brother.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Tracey Johnston-Crumb on her appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(2) Karen Gross for her special 30-minute cabaret performance, celebrating the life and music of Oscar Hammerstein. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

3. Steven Shulman for his informative presentation at the Brockway Memorial Library in Miami Shores, Florida. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

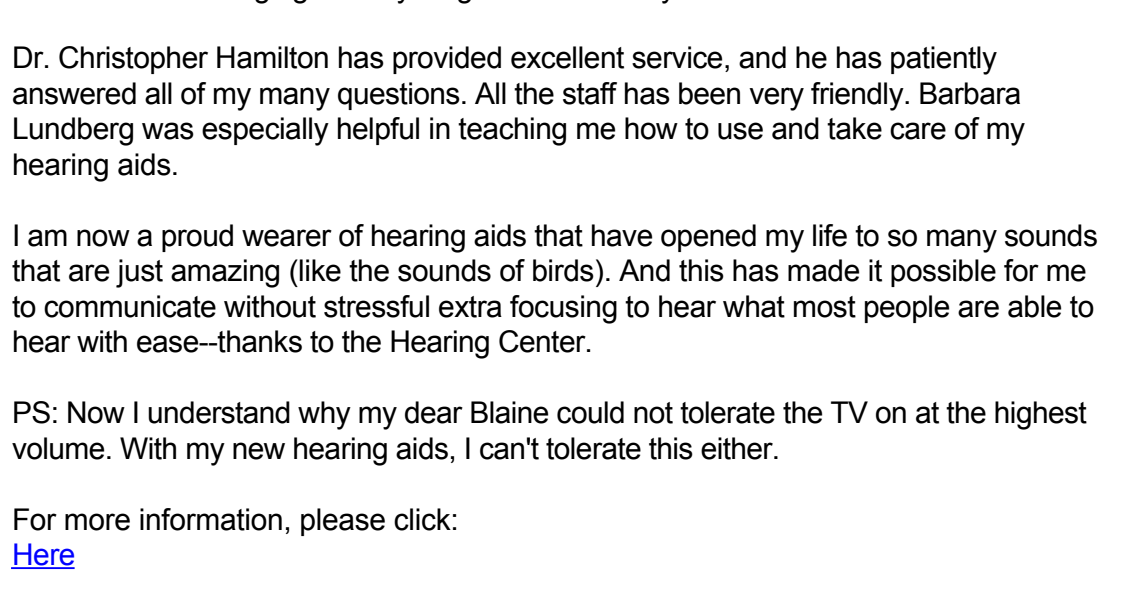
(4) Jimmy Ferraro on the new Hendersonville location for professional theatre he will be directing. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

(5) Judy Chadwick and Steve Darter, winners of Contest #24: a copy of SOLVING THE WORLD'S TITANIC STRUGGLES by Rodney Richards. All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me it is time to introduce ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #25 \*\*\*\*\*

Two lucky readers will each get a calendar put together by my talented friend Judith Loniak. See below for one of the pictures from the Seasonal calendar. In next week's issue, you'll see one of the pictures from the Sunrise calendar.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bjainbc@aol.com](mailto:bjainbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #25 in the subject line, then include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email, along with your preference (Seasonal or Sunrise calendar). I can't guarantee that the winner will receive his or her choice, but I'll try to get it to you. .... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., December 10, 2018.



G. PLEASE HELP DEPARTMENT ... I'm experimenting with Facebook Live and am trying to determine if you can see videos better when done vertically (top photo) or horizontally (bottom photo).

If you have not already viewed the following two videos on Facebook Live, please now take a look at them. They are both short, and they even contain some jokes.

Vertical:

[Here](#)

Horizontal:

[Here](#)

Then after you've viewed them, tell me if you preferred the vertical or horizontal version and what you watched it on; e.g., cellphone (and if so, what kind), PC, laptop, iPad, etc.

Many thanks!



\*\*\*\*\* BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD \*\*\*\*\*

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for submitting this week's winner: The Hearing Center has been great at supporting me in purchasing hearing aids. It has been a miracle in that I did not realize how very much I was missing in my day to day life in regard to what I was not hearing.

They have been very patient giving me two different hearing aids to take on a "test drive" without charging me anything until I made my decision.

Dr. Christopher Hamilton has provided excellent service, and he has patiently answered all of my many questions. All the staff has been very friendly. Barbara Lundberg was especially helpful in teaching me how to use and take care of my hearing aids.

I am now a proud wearer of hearing aids that have opened my life to so many sounds that are just amazing (like the sounds of birds). And this has made it possible for me to communicate without stressful extra focusing to hear what most people are able to hear with ease--thanks to the Hearing Center.

PS: Now I understand why my dear Elaine could not tolerate the TV on at the highest volume. With my new hearing aids, I can't tolerate this either.

For more information, please click:

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### 2. FYI

Want airlines to treat you well? Do this.

by Jeff Simon

Quito, Ecuador (CNN) Isn't flying the worst? Endless lines. Cramped seats. Selfish armrest hoarders. That's why it's so amazing that some people -- OK, me -- fly simply for the joy of being on an airplane.

Hi, I'm Jeff, and I have a problem.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Roberta Gurwood: New York City's Legendary Carnegie Deli Is Reopening With 1950s. (2) Helping Teenagers to Be Safer Drivers. (3) What I Learned From Tracking My Spending for a Month. (4) How to Be Grateful Without Rolling Your Eyes.

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### 3. Joke 1

If you're like me and celebrate all holidays (because there is more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY HANUKKAH! The festival begins on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 3, and ends on the evening of Monday, Dec. 10.

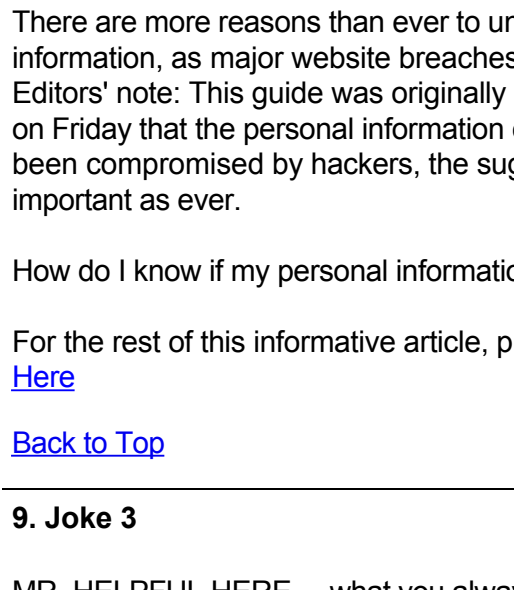
Additional information:

1. In case you don't know the meaning of gelt, it refers to money as well as chocolate coins given to Jewish children.

2. There are many spellings of the word Hanukkah, as can be seen by this link: [Here](#)

3. And not wanting you to leave this section empty-handed, here's my gift to you--a song that I think you'll enjoy: [Here](#)

(Thanks, Brad Morris, for posting the cartoon, as well as to Steven Shulman for sharing the song.)



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### 4. Reviews

A. Liked INSTANT FAMILY, a dramedy inspired by real events about a couple who decide to start a family. It was a sweet film that featured excellent chemistry between the leads, Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne and the three children they take in as foster children Rated PG-13.

B. Heard CAMP (Hachette Audio), written and read by Michael D. Eisner. It is the author's personal memoir of the lessons he learned at one Vermont summer camp and how they helped shape him into the man he became, i.e., head of Disney from 1984-2005. ... I could relate to much of it because I spent several summers at a New Hampshire summer camp. ... If you've ever been to camp or if you've had children or grandchildren in camp, you'll especially like this book.

\*\*\*\*\* FREE KINDLE BOOK OFFER \*\*\*\*\*

You can get this book: THE SALESMAN'S GUIDE TO DATING: A SALES BOOK ABOUT MAKING CONNECTIONS ... WITH AN UNEXPECTED TWIST by David Massover.

I'm currently reading and enjoying it. If you'd like to join me, just click this website: [Here](#)

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### 5. TV alert

A. DEATH BY MAGIC: Now available via Netflix British magician Drummond Money-Coutts creates extreme stunts that once cost fellow illusionists their lives. Among the feats he attempts: being buried alive under tons of concrete, colliding with a train and Russian roulette.

B. THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL: Returns for a second season on Amazon Prime Video on Wednesday, Dec. 5 This Emmy-winning comedy about a Jewish housewife who becomes a stand-up sensation is one of my favorite shows on TV. I look forward to Midge (Rachel Brosnahan) taking trips this year to both Paris and the Catskills.

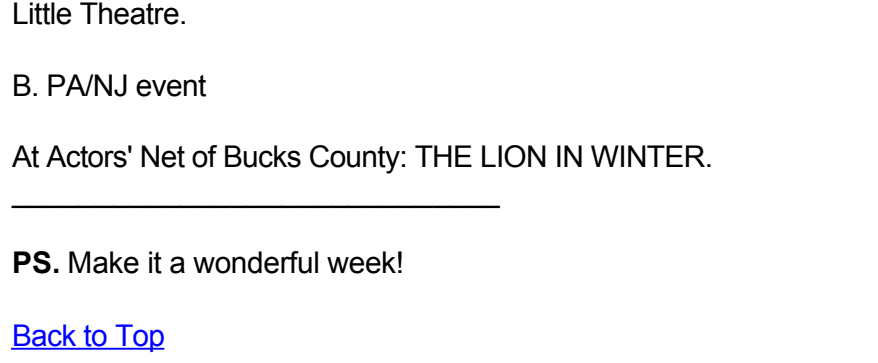
C. DEAL OR NO DEAL: Season premiere on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. on CNBC Host Howie Mandel returns to the show that has been off the air for nearly a decade. Contestants still choose from 26 unmarked briefcases, containing anywhere from a penny to \$1 million, deciding whether to accept what's inside or take a counteroffer.

D. THE COOL KIDS: Fridays at 8:30 p.m. on Fox I haven't watched this hit sitcom about lovely retirement community rebels, but the case has me thinking it is time to give it a shot. Leslie Jordan, Vicki Lawrence, Martin Mull and David Grier star.

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### 6. Joke 2

Just in time for the holidays ... for use when you're tired of people standing too close to you! (Thanks, Mike Ursino, for sharing.)



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### 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Ed Hackett: Lunch Atop A Skyscraper: The Story Behind The 1932 Photo [Here](#)

(2) Lois Rosenthal: Old Movie Stars Dance to Uptown Fun [Here](#)

(3) Lucille Eckert: Chinese Firefighters' Crazy Jump Rope Skills [Here](#)

(4) Chris Oaks: Silent Monks Sing the Hallelujah Chorus [Here](#)

B. Imagine taking online classes taught by the world's greatest minds. You can do so for just \$90/single course or \$180 for access to all the classes.

Presently, there are 45+ instructors. The impressive list includes Steve Martin, Paul Krugman, Malcolm Gladwell, Ken Burns, Judy Blume, Helen Mirren and Martin Scorsese, among others.

For more information, please click: [Here](#)

Mr. Curious Here: The above sounds almost too good to be true. I know one person who took one course, and he liked it. Have you ever taken a course via this website? If so, please share your experience(s).

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running. . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#)

D. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#)

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### 8. Technology tip

After Marriott Breach, How to Protect Your Information Online by Nicole Perfroth, Brian X. Chen and Jonah Engel Bromwich

There are more reasons than ever to understand how to protect your personal information, as major website breaches become ever more frequent.

Editors' note: This guide was originally published in 2017. But after Marriott disclosed on Friday that the personal information of as many as half a billion people may have been compromised by hackers, the suggestions below were updated, and are as important as ever.

How do I know if my personal information has been taken?

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

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### 9. Joke 3

MR. HELPFUL HERE ... what you always wanted--and just in time for the holidays. ... My take: Folks talk about punctuation, but I think font selection is just as important. (Thanks, Jennifer Russ, for sharing.)



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### 10. A quote I like

Thanks, George H.W. Bush (1924-2018), for your lifetime of public service to our country. Your tireless service as President, Vice President, Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency showed us that decency doesn't have to be a foreign term for politicians. ... To learn more about his amazing life, please read his obituary by clicking: [Here](#)

Also, if you get the chance, read 41 by George W. Bush. It is a moving, personal biography about his father.



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### 11. Thought for the day

Great thing to keep in mind when discussing politics. And that's one of the reasons I both developed and use the YOMBER Principle. For more information about that, please click: [Here](#)



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### 12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#)

A. NC events

(1) Jimmy Ferraro: Auditions Being Held for the Center Stage Repertory Company. (2) Jeanette Memolo: THE LION IN WINTER is now running at the Brevard Little Theatre.

B. PA/NJ event

At Actors' Net of Bucks County: THE LION IN WINTER.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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